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Government Railways.
EXCURSIONS TO HAWKSBURY RIVER
IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER
GENERAL GORDON.
SPECIAL TRIP TO WISMAN'S FERRY
THIS DAY, 29th DECEMBER.

CANTERBURY PARK RACES.
WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1897.
SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FIRST-CLASS AND SECOND-CLASS PASSENGERS LEAVE SYDNEY AT 11.15 AND 1.30 P.M., AND RETURN AT 12.15 P.M. AND 2.30 P.M. RESERVATIONS: FRIDAY, 29th, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.
SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1898.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations for distances 15 miles and under between stations on the Metropolitan and New South Wales Railways by all trains until SATURDAY, 1st January, available for return until MONDAY, 3rd January, 1898.

SOUTH COAST LINE.
FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1897. 11.30 p.m. to Nowra.

SOUTHERN LINE.
FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1897. 11.30 p.m. to Mt. Victoria.

WESTERN LINE.
FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1897. 11.30 p.m. to Liverpool.

MILSON'S POINT LINE.
FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1897. 11.30 p.m. to Milson's Point.

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FITZGERALD BROTHERS' HUGE COMBINED SHOWS, HAGENBECK'S ZOOLOGICAL CIRCUS.

THE EVENT OF 1897-8, AND THE REIGNING HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

THE COOLEST, MOST FLEETING, AND THE MOST INSTRUCTIVE RESORT IN SYDNEY.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, ILLUMINATED DAY PERFORMANCES.

GRAND MATINEE PERFORMANCE.

DOORS OPEN AT 1 P.M. COMMENCE AT 2 P.M. SHARP.

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LYCEUM THEATRE.

Under the able direction of Messrs. J. and C. MACDONALD.

GLORIOUS SUCCESS OF THE POPULAR PANTOMIME.

DICK WHITTINGTON UP TO DATE.

TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING (Over 1000).

THE ENTIRE NEW AND ORIGINAL VERSION, WRITTEN BY MR. FRANK THORNTON, AND PRODUCED UNDER THE STAGE-DIRECTION OF DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT.

MISS FANNIE LINDHALL AND AN OPERA AND BURLESQUE COMPANY.

Head, Dancer, and Chorus of 20 PERFORMERS.

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Metropolitan Board of Works, accompanied by what appears to

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RETURN OF THE PRINCE—The Premier came back yesterday from his trip to the Kianda district, where he has spent a delightful holiday. He speaks enthusiastically of the place and the people. He says the road from the railway station to Kianda, a distance of about 50 miles, is good. Last Christmas it appears that Mr. R. O'Connor was snowed up for some days at Kianda, but Mr. Reid was not so unfortunate. Reid visited the Yarangabuli Caves, and also some of the mines. He says it will only be a question of time for a large tourist traffic to be established to the Kianda district, and that as the traffic grows so also will the accommodation.

may not be extended there, but the time for the
 the Premier left Sydney again last
 evening by the 10.30 train for Armidale, to
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 on Sydney on Thursday next, and on January
 the Premier will be at Mulgo, having received a
 successful invitation through Mr. R. James, a
 to visit that district. The Premier has arranged
 to deliver an address at Mulgo on January 6,
 and at Gulgong on the 7th. Mr. Reid has
 the Carruthers been invited to attend if the
 the Premier will be at Mulgo, and the
 remaining towns near Newcastle to spend their
 he has agreed to do so. Arrangements have
 therefore been made by Mr. Reid to deliver an
 address on Friday the night of January 12.
 Time will not permit of his speaking at
 than once place, as he will have to leave Sydney
 to be in Melbourne by January 17 in con-
 junction with the financial work of the Federal

THE DEFENDANT: The Premier says the revenue was \$200,000 as compared with the estimate of \$180,000 for the month up to the 24th instant of \$220,000, as compared with the same period last year of \$200,000. I am not sure as to the revenue at all. Mr. Reid said yesterday, "I have no doubt we are doing more sanguine about my estimates of the land tax." I have now been scoured by the Taxation Committee and our accountants, and they say that my last financial statement will show that that estimate was £250,000 a year, which you put in at about £70,000 a year which we get in the shape of income tax, so that the difference between the land tax that money we have received as income tax is interest on mortgages. My original estimate before direct taxation was passed through Parliament was £600,000 for the income tax and £108,000 for the income tax, or all £592,000. We now estimate that we shall get £700,000 instead of £598,000, divided as follows—Land tax £200,000, income tax £400,000, and £100,000; these figures correctly the following—Should be responded, so that the last tax will realize £200,000, and the income tax £400,000, and the total amount has no doubt whatever of a surplus of £100,000, £285,000, but that is gone, and if I realise all my estimates I shall still be £70,000 on the wrong side.

JAMES COCHRAN.

THE NEW CALEDONIAN CABLE.—Mr. Mesirale, the manager at Bundaberg, the Australian terminus of the New Caledonian cable, has informed Mr. Cook, the Postmaster-General, that the Eastern Extension Company's cable steamer *Storard* (Saborne) has left Singapore, and is expected to

reparing the New Caledonia cable will be taken in hand. The subsidy is suspended until the line is in working order again.

THE TELEPHONE LINE TO NEWCASTLE.—The Postmaster-General, Mr. Cook, says he has decided to fix the charge for the use of the telephone line between Sydney and Newcastle at 3s for 3 minutes' conversation, with a charge of 1s for each additional minute. As for the comments about this

ually only an experiment, and if it is found that there is sufficient business to warrant a reduction the rate will be reduced. A reduction can easily be made, whereas an increase in the rate, if the charge was found to be insufficient to cover the cost, would be a very difficult thing to make.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.—The Premier says it has been found impossible to hold the annual conference of Premiers till after the meeting of

last about a month. For instance, Sir John Forrest would not be present at the Premier's Conference if it was held before the Convention. Mr. Reid has accordingly telegraphed to the Premiers of the other colonies, stating that his inquiries show that the general convenience will be best suited by holding the Conference after the Convention. Queensland, as well as the other colonies, will be represented at the Premier's Conference. Mr.

has wired to Sir George Fisher to ascertain whether it would be convenient to fix the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Federal Convention, which has to meet before the Convention, on Monday, January 17, at 11 a.m. The Victorian Premier has also been asked to mention where it is proposed that the Finance Committee shall meet. The Federal Convention itself assembles on Thursday, January 20.

Mr. Chamberlain suggesting that an intercolonial postal conference should be held in connection with the Canadian proposal to reduce the rate of postage on letters to 1½ is not quite clear. The next annual Postal Conference in Australia takes place early in the new year. A meeting for the Canadian proposal for a 1 cent postage it would mean that letters would be sent to England from Canada for 1½, and

to New South Wales, as a letter to the most remote corner of this colony if posted in Canada would only require a 1½d postage stamp, whereas if it were posted in Sydney to the same place it would cost 2d. It is therefore out of the question at present for New South Wales to agree to such a proposal. Mr. Cook says any reduction in the overseas rates will have to be initiated concurrently in all parts of the British Empire.

reputation representing a conference consisting of members of 17 Public school athletic associations from various parts of the colony, waited upon the Minister for Public Instruction for the purpose of obtaining a promise of pecuniary assistance in the work of advancing physical education in schools affiliated with such associations. The proceedings were not open to the press. It is, however, understood, that the Minister was inclined to grant such assistance.

EASTERN NEWS.—News to the 2nd instant is it them ranch, enticement

continues with reference to the last night's attack, which caught other British troops by surprise. "The terrible fatality occurred in Hongkong on the last night, when a house destroyed by fire was found to have contained eight women and four girls, and three men, whose charred remains were discovered in the debris."

Major-General Fitzgerald has been appointed to succeed Admiral Oxley as second in command of the British Squadron on the China station. Vice-Admiral Scott, who has been in command of the

Chinese station, has been promoted to full rank and returns to England, his place being taken by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, C.C.B.

THE MIST COMMISSION.—Sir Ralph Thompson and Mr. E. Riggs left for Melbourne by train yesterday evening, after finishing their investigation of the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint. They are also to inspect the Melbourne branch. They

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—For some years now the law has compelled the notification of leprosy and smallpox, but it was not till the passage of the present Health Act that power was given to declare other diseases to be infective.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

CAYMAN-HOUSE. — Entered outwards. Uncom

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RECOGNITION OF BRAVERY BY UNDERWRIGHT
On the 18th ultimo, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, on behalf of the underwriters on ship and cargo of the B. line steamers, Lake Winnipeg, made presentation to Captain Taylor and the crew, in recognition of bravery in bringing the steamer safely from New Brunswick to Liverpool in February last under circumstances of extreme difficulty. The vessel carried general cargo.

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The following hospital for week ended December 25:—Admitted, 100; discharged, 67; died, 4; remaining, 281; casual treated but not admitted, 570; outdoor patients treated, 903.

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